(b) Though individual exchanges can be loaded up to 84 per cent in a multi-exchange system at any point of time a loading of more than 85 per cent is considered satisfactory. This is due to (a) under-loading necessia-ted by wear and tear, (b) recent expansion whose utilisation is being executed, (c) capacity beyond 90 per cent is to be adjusted to last till The next expansion. Every effort is made to release maximum number of connections possible to meet the waiting list.

महाराष्ट्र में विदर्भ विकास बोर्ड

1711. डा० रत्नाकर पांडेय : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भारत के संविधान में महाराष्ट्र के विदर्भ विकास बोर्ड के संबंध में कोई प्रावधान है; यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ख) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार को महा-राष्ट्र राज्य सरकार से विदर्भ विकास बोर्ड से संबंधित कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुआ है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो सरकार उस संबंध में क्या कार्यवाही कर रही है ; और

(घ) विदर्भ विकास बोर्ड को कानूनी रूप देने के लिए संसद में विधेयक के कब तक लाए जाने की संभावना है और इस बोर्ड के कब तक गठित कर दिये जाने की संभावना है ?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुबोध कांत सहाय) : (क) जी हां, श्रीमान् । संविधान के अनुच्छेद 371(2) में अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ यह व्यवस्था है कि विदर्भ मराठवाड़ा और शेष महा-राष्ट्र के लिए पृथक-पृथक विकास बोर्डों की स्थापना करने के लिए राष्ट्रपति आदेश द्वारा राज्यपाल को कोई भी विशेष जिम्मेदारी दे सकते हैं ।

(ख) उक्त अनुच्छेद के उपबंधों को लागू करने के लिए महाराष्ट्र सरकार से एक प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुआ है ।

(ग) प्रस्ताव विचाराधीन है ।

(घ) इस मामले में किसी भी संसदीय विधान की आवश्यकता नहीं है ।

Migration of Government Employees front Kashmir

1712. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of State and Central Government employees who have by now migrated from Kashmir valley to Jammu and other places of the country in the wake of the secessionist violence in Kashmir;

(b) whether Government have been paying those employees their salaries and allowances;

(c) whether the employees are being given new postings in Jammu region till normalcy returns to Kashmir valley;

(d) whether any arrangements have been made for proper accommodation of the migrant employees in Jammu; and

(e) what arrangements have been made for the admission of the child ren of the migrant employees in schools and colleges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (e) The Government of Jammu and Kashmir has advised that over 12,000 Government employees have bsen registered as migrants at Jammu. The number of registered migrant Government employees reported by Delhi Administration is over 3,000. The Central and Jammu & Kashmir

Governments have issued instructions for payment of leave salary in favour of eligible migrant employee.

2. With a view to encourage the Central Government employees to report for duty in the valley, it has been decided to give incentive in the form of payment of transfer grant and house rent allowance to be paid to them should they decide to keep their families elsewhere. Such employees will be provided accommodation in secure places by the State Government.

3. However, many migrant Central Government employees are still fe-lactant t return to the valley. Instructions have been issued to temporarily adjust them elsewhere against the available vacancies in the respective establishments.

4. Arrangements for providing accommodation to some J & K migrants including Government employees have been made in Jammu and Delhi. Admission of the children of migrants including government employees have been taken up on priority, in consultation with the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of J & K and other State Governments . Arrangements have been finalised for admission of students of Engineering, Medical, Agriculture and other colleges.

Indirect Advertisement of Cigarettes by Doordarshan

1713. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVA-JI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Doordarshan while transmitting various sports events sponsored by cigarette manufacturers indirectly gives publicity to such manufacturers inspite of the ban on cigarette advertisementsbn Doordarshan; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b)' As a matter of general guideline, Doordarshan staff have been instructed to avoid, while covering various sports events, focussing camera on hoardings displaying alcoholic drinks and tobacco products. However the fact that such hoardings may be placed at vantage positions, where camera has necessarily to focus or capture a particular scene of action, detracts from those efforts. It is nevertheless the endeavour of Doordarshan to avoid such instances to the extent possible.

Abduction of fishermen of Tamil Nadu

1714. SHRl M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fishermen belonging to Tamil Nadu who have been abducted so far by intruders, while fishing in the sea;

(b) whether Government are taking necessary action to save the fisher-men; and

(c) what permanent remedy Government propose to provide in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE, MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRl SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) The Government of Tamil Nadu has informed that a total number of 874 fishermen were abducted to Sri Lanka by suspected militants and Sri Lankan Navy for allegedly fishing in the Shi Lankan waters. All of them fere subsequently released.

(b) and (c) The Coast Guard and Navy are intensively patrolling in the Palk Strait, Palk Bay areas and warn the fishermen when they go astray. The fisheries Department of Government of Tamil Nadu has also warned the fishermen not to stray into the